

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 4, 2007. In that Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 6-9 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner also rejected claims 1-13 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Duggan (US Publication no. 2003/0169781). The applicants have amended claims 1-6, 9 and 12 and cancelled claims 7, 8, and 11. Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 12 and 13 are now pending in the application.

The applicants have amended claims 1-4, 6 and 9 and cancelled 7 and 8 to overcome the lack of antecedent basis for the respective limitations identified in the Office Action. The Applicants have also amended independent claims 1, 6 and 10 so that they incorporate the novel limitations of claim 4. These amendments are believed to overcome the rejection of claims 1-13 under 35 USC 102(e). Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested and passage of the application to allowance is respectfully requested.

Additional Fees

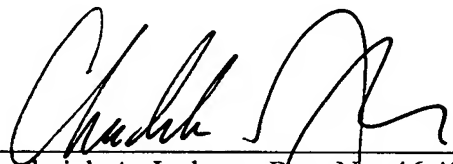
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-4047 (4157720007).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

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